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For: METHODS FOR THE DETECTION OF HEART-  
SPECIFIC GENE TRANSCRIPTS IN BLOOD AND  
USES THEREOF

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the non-final office action dated January 14, 2009. A three month extension of time to respond to the non-final office action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this response to the non-final office action. Please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the paper transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Reference No.: 2053B(204231).

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 78 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 79 of this paper.

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